

**STATUS OF PROJECTS IN EXECUTION – FY07**  
**SOPE**  
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Operations Policy and Country Services**  
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## **Introduction**

The Status of Projects in Execution (SOPE) Report for FY07 provides information on all IBRD/IDA projects that were active as of June 30, 2007. The World Bank has issued a SOPE Report every year as an internal communication to the Board of Executive Directors. In accordance with the Bank's revised disclosure policy, since FY02, the SOPE Report is available to the public.

The report is intended to bridge the gap in information available to the public between the Project Appraisal Document or Program Document, disclosed after the Bank approves a project, and the Implementation Completion Report, disclosed after the project closes.

In addition to the project progress description, the FY07 SOPE report<sup>1</sup> contains project level comparisons of disbursement estimates and actual disbursements, and a table showing the loan/credit/grant amount and disbursements to date.

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<sup>1</sup> Notes:

- Amounts and Graphs for loans/credits/grants in currencies other than U.S. dollars may not match exactly due to exchange rate fluctuations over the life of the project.
- Disbursement graphs are not included for Development Policy Operations, which provide quick-disbursing financing to support policy and institutional reforms. For these operations, funds are disbursed in one or more stages (tranches), released when the borrower complies with agreed prior actions.
- Projects which are not yet effective may not have a planned disbursement schedule and thus will not include a graph.



**Country: Dominican Republic**

**Project Name (ID):** Early Childhood Education Project ( P054937 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 09/05/2002

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-71440, JPN-25609

**Sector(s):** Pre-primary education(90%), Other social services(5%), Central government administration(5%)

**Theme(s):** Education for all(P), Social risk mitigation(P), Child health(S), Nutrition and food security(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to: (a) increase access and quality of formal pre-school (kindergarten) education for all children aged five, and (b) improve access to and quality of non-formal early childhood education that is available to children up to age five.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

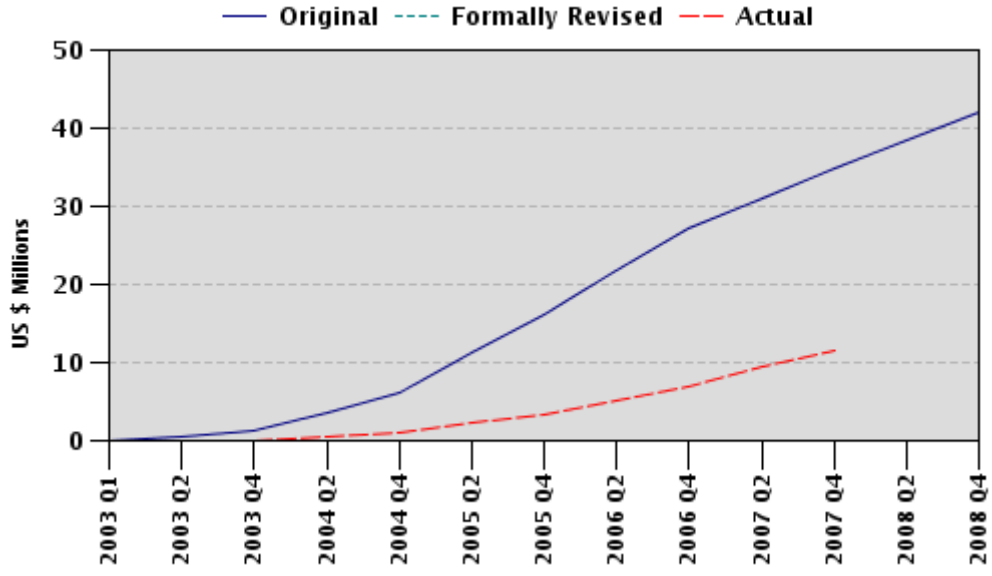
Project implementation is lagging behind schedule but is still expected to achieve the objectives. Project development indicators have been adjusted to reflect an increase in civil works unit costs, provide greater specificity (in the case of early childhood development (ECD) quality) and adapt to implementation experience (in the case of the fund for non-formal ECD, to increase number of expected beneficiaries). The dramatic rise in unit costs of construction and rehabilitation of school classrooms since the project was appraised means project financing is sufficient to construct only 218 classrooms (instead of 600) and rehabilitate 395 classrooms (instead of 600). This translated into a reduction in anticipated new pre-school places from 40,000 at appraisal to 16,380, and a reduction of anticipated rehabilitated pre-school places from 36,000 at appraisal to 23,700. A sophisticated baseline study (experimental design) of the quality of preschool education has been completed, in order to measure the project's qualitative impact at its conclusion.

**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2007 )**

<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-71440	Effective	42.00	11.49	30.51	0.00
JPN-25609	Closed	0.18	0.16	0.00	0.01



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**Project Name (ID):** HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project ( P071505 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 06/28/2001

**Midterm Review Date :** 10/08/2005

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2007

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** JPN-26469, IBRD-70650

**Sector(s):** Health(87%), Central government administration(13%)

**Theme(s):** HIV/AIDS(P), Population and reproductive health(S), Child health(S), Participation and civic engagement(S), Gender(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to reduce the risk of HIV transmission and improve the quality of life of those infected and affected by the HIV epidemic by reorganizing the National Response, developing a National Strategic Plan and a corresponding monitoring and evaluation system, and implementing selected interventions.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

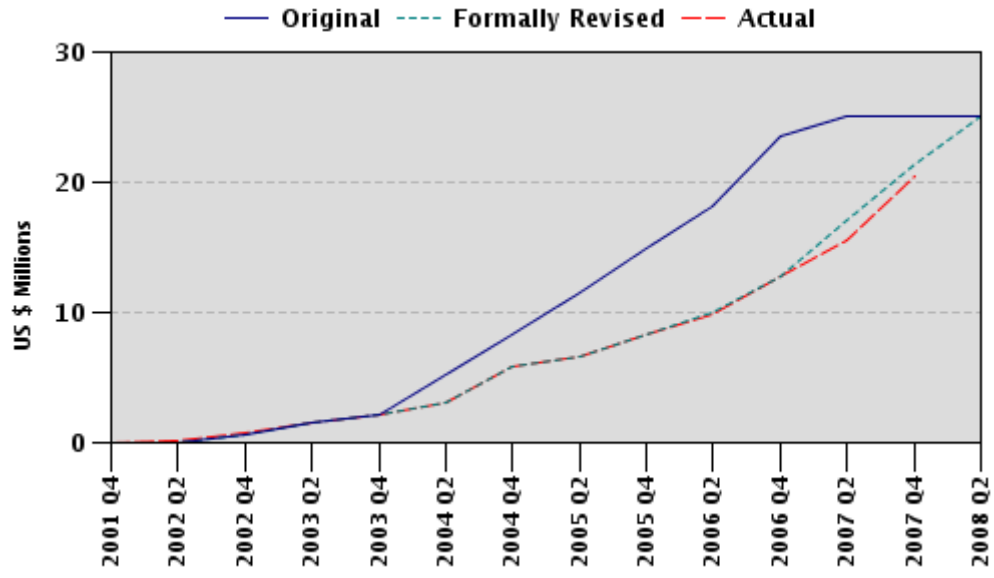
Project implementation has continued to make progress towards meeting the development objectives. Civil society's participation in the implementation of the National Response has expanded, resulting in the engagement of a broader group of stakeholders. Due to the required capacity building process, NGOs need longer time than planned to be able to execute activities to respond to the epidemic within the framework of the guidelines and procedures established by National Authorities to ensure transparency and efficiency. Three important studies planned will be carried out to complement the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), and together will provide a wealth of data for establishing a baseline. However, the implementation of the three studies will require an adjustment to the schedule of implementation of the new National Monitoring and Evaluation System and the finalization of the National Strategy with targets. For these reasons the Government intends to request an extension of the Project closing date to July 2008.

**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2007 )**

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
JPN-26469	Not Effective	0.79	0.00	0.79	0.00
IBRD-70650	Effective	25.00	20.38	4.62	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Health Reform Support (APL) ( P076802 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 06/26/2003

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-71850

**Sector(s):** Health(50%), Non-compulsory health finance(50%)

**Theme(s):** Health system performance(P)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to support the Borrower to: (a) improve access of the poor in prioritized regions and provinces to high quality health services included in the Plan Basico de Salud of the Seguro Familiar; (b) reorganize and strengthen health systems in prioritized regions to comply with the roles and functions as established in the General Health Law and the Social Security Law; (c) strengthen the financial planning of the Regimen Subsidiado, ensure effective enrollment of the poor and improve their knowledge of their rights under the Seguro Familiar; and (d) strengthen the capacity of national health sector organizations to comply with their roles and functions as established in the General Health Law and the Social Security Law.

**The project was restructured, or received Additional Financing during FY 07**

The project was restructured in FY07 to align its development objectives, components and activities with the government's mid-term health sector reform program.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

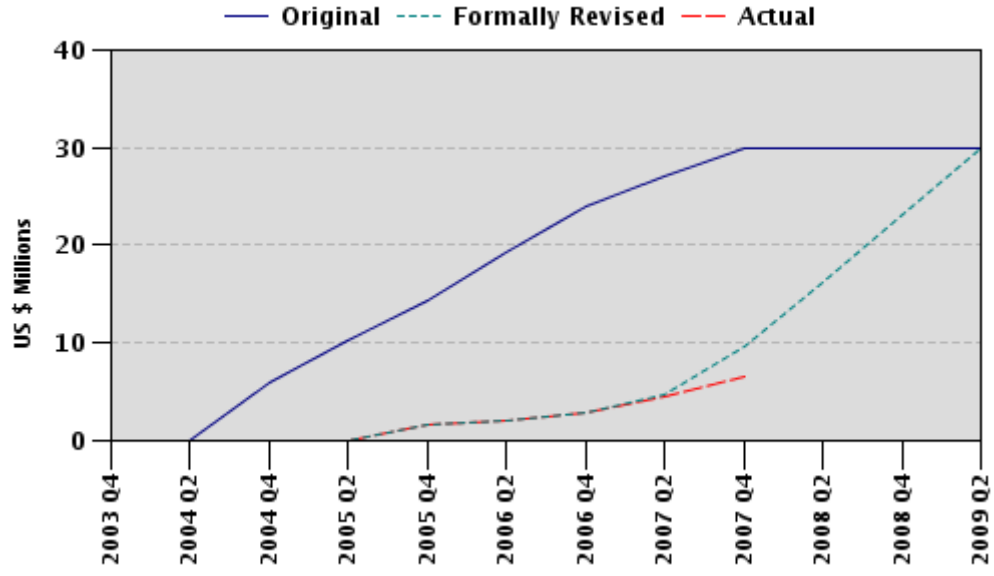
The implementation of the restructured project has accelerated with only few delays occurring in the areas of institutional and organizational reform at the regional level, hospital management and health workforce management. Executing agencies have developed specific action plans to advance the reform in these areas and ensure that the project will achieve all its objectives.

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IBRD-71850	Effective	30.00	6.59	23.41	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Financial Sector Technical Assistance ( P078838 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 02/12/2004

**Closing Date :** 12/31/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72160

**Sector(s):** Banking(38%), Payment systems, securities clearance and settlement(25%), Capital markets(20%), Non-compulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings(17%)

**Theme(s):** Regulation and competition policy(P), Other financial and private sector development(P), Standards and financial reporting(P), Legal institutions for a market economy(S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objectives are to (a) strengthen the institutional capacity of the monetary authorities and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the financial regulatory agencies.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

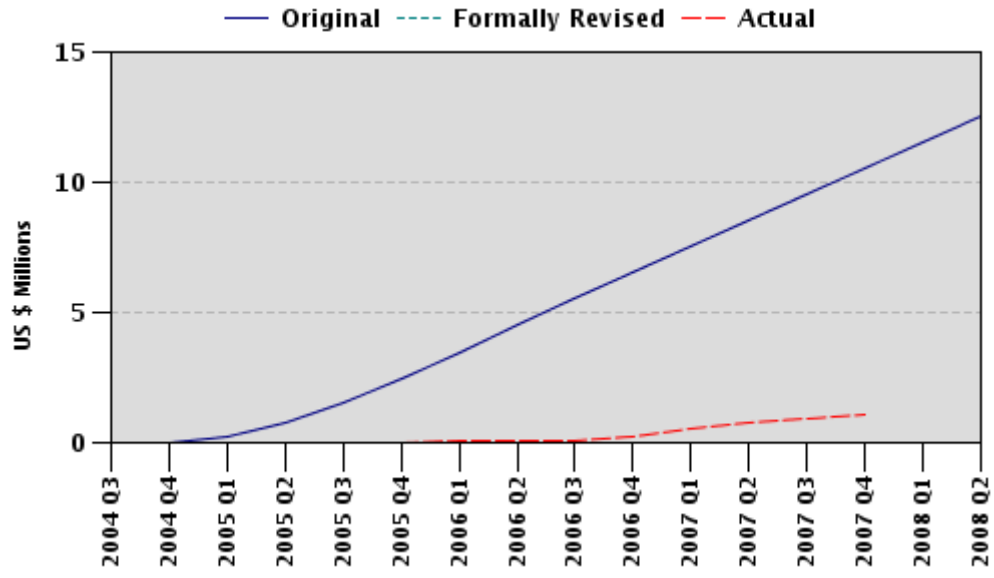
The project is on track to achieve its objectives. All agencies (Banco Central de la Republica Dominicana (BCRD), Superintendencies of Banks, Securities and Pension, and Ministry of Finance-Treasury), except the Superintendency of Insurance, are advancing in the implementation of their respective subcomponents. The funds allocated to the Superintendence of Insurance will be reallocated among the other implementing agencies. The BCRD formally launched the payment system reform project (Proyecto de Reforma del Sistema de Pagos de la Republica Dominicana, SIPARD) with a High Level Sensitization Workshop and is now in the process of establishing a Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system. With the assistance of consultants the BCRD has elaborated a draft of the regulatory framework for the safe and efficient operation of the payments system. The Superintendencies of Banks, Securities and Pensions are already implementing their strengthening plans.

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<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72160	Effective	12.50	1.06	11.44	0.00



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**Project Name (ID):** Power Sector Program Loan ( P082712 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 05/10/2005

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2008

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72920

**Sector(s):** Power(100%)

**Theme(s):** Access to urban services and housing(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Regulation and competition policy(S), Corporate governance(S), Debt management and fiscal sustainability(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to support the initial phase of the financial recovery of the sector to stabilize power supply, with improving cash recovery, controlling costs and dealing with arrears.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Cash Recovery Index has increased to about 58 percent in June 2007 compared to about 52 percent in June 2006. The first tranche of the Programmatic Loan has been disbursed.

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<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-72920	Effective	150.00	50.00	100.00	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Power Sector TA Project ( P082715 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 02/12/2004

**Midterm Review Date :** 04/16/2007

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2009

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-72170

**Sector(s):** Central government administration(97%), Power(3%)

**Theme(s):** Infrastructure services for private sector development(P), Administrative and civil service reform(P), Rural services and infrastructure(P), Regulation and competition policy(S), Environmental policies and institutions(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

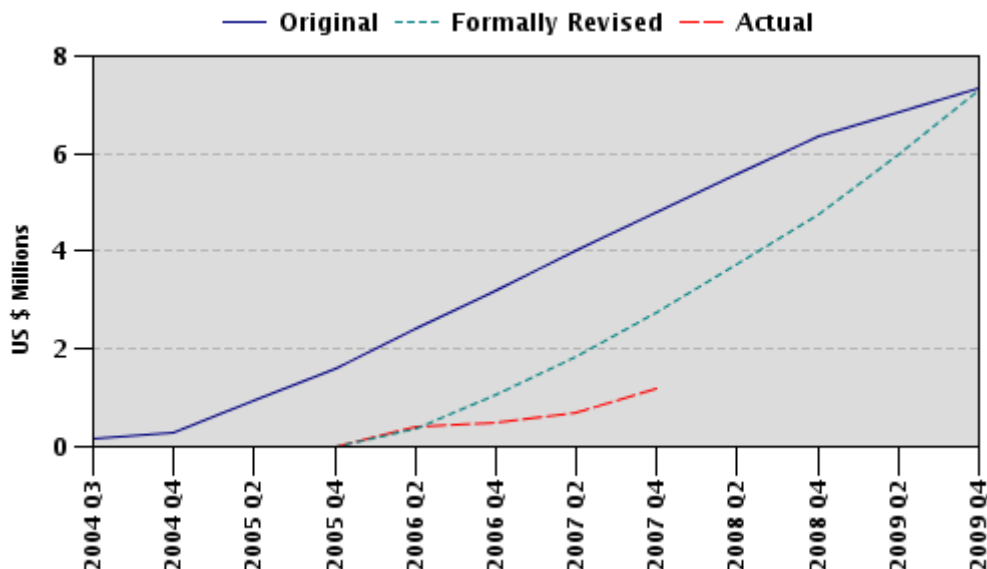
The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the Government's regulatory and consumer protection performance; (b) improve policy formulation and implementation; (c) design the transmission grid and the wholesale power market; and (d) increase the quantity and quality of electricity for the poor.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

Significant progress has been made in project implementation, including implementation of various activities and identification of new activities to be funded under the project. The components relative to the institutional strengthening of the Superintendencia de Electricidad (regulator), Environment, and Comision Nacional de Energia are proceeding well. Other components started late but are progressing satisfactorily.

**Lending Information/Disbursement Summary ( USD millions, as of June 30 2007 )**

Loan/Credit/ Grant	Status	Amount	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Cancellation
IBRD-72170	Effective	7.30	1.15	6.15	0.00



**Project Name (ID):** Youth Development Project ( P096605 )

**Country:** Dominican Republic

**Board Approval Date :** 03/23/2006

**Closing Date :** 06/30/2011

**Loan/Credit/Grant Number :** IBRD-73710

**Sector(s):** Vocational training(66%), Adult literacy/non-formal education(21%), Central government administration(13%)

**Theme(s):** Improving labor markets(P), Education for all(S), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring(S)

**Project Development Objectives:**

The objective is to improve the employability of poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills, and expanding second chance education programs to complete their formal education.

**Progress toward achieving development objective(s):**

The project was not effective before the close of the reporting period.

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<b>Loan/Credit/ Grant</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Undisbursed</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>
IBRD-73710	Not Effective	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00

